

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4 and 29 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Harold in the October 11, 2005 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

In section 1 on pages 2-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,999,599 to Shaffer et al. (hereinafter "Shaffer"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The amendments to claims 2, 4 and 29 correspond exactly to the amendments discussed during the October 11, 2005 personal interview. Examiner Harold is thanked for agreeing during the personal interview that these amendments, and the Amendment previously filed on September 26, 2005, overcome the rejection of claims 1-32 as being anticipated by Shaffer for the reasons argued in the September 26, 2005 Amendment. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-32 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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